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Pendennis, March 18.

THE last week arrived here the *Hope* of *London*, laden with Sugar from the *Leeward Islands* in *America*, and the *St. Peter* of *Haure de Grace*, bound for *Newfoundland*, who, it seems, was separated from the Fleet bound thither, consisting, as is said, of near 100 Sail, under the Convoy of three Men of War. The Wind hath blown very hard these three dayes last past.

Lyme, Mar. 20. We have an account, that the *George* of *London*, mounted with 26 Guns, and commanded by Captain *Brebolt* of this place, having on the 30 of *January* last, been met off of *Cape St. Vincent*, by the *White Horse* of *Argiers*, mounted with 40 Guns; the *Turk*, after some dispute, boarded her, and poured a great many men into her: but that Captain *Brebolt* so vigorously defended his Ship, that many of them were killed and drowned; which discouraging the *Algierin*, who had besides received considerable damage, he quitted the Fight, and left Captain *Brebolt* to pursue his Voyage. Since the last great Storm, several Wrecks have been cast upon these Coasts, and about half a League to the Eastward of this place, several dead men have been driven ashore, and belonged, as is judged, to an *Irish* Vessel coming from *St. Malo*, some people of this Town pretending to know the Merchant that went in her, by a Crucifix, and some other marks. We have this afternoon an account that the *May-flower* of this place, laden from *Mrlaix*, is lost on this Coast, with all her Lading, and one Man.

Portsmouth, March 21. The 19 instant came into this Road the *Woolwich*, Sir *John Ernley* Commander, from *Cadiz*, from whence he brought about 30 Sail of Merchantmen under his Convoy, which were by bad weather dispersed in the Bay of *Biscay*, and it's believed are got into the *Downes* ere this. Sir *John* retook the *Bridgewater Merchant* from an *Algierin*, in whose hands she had been some considerable time, with several *Turks* who were put in her, all the *Engli*, except the Boatswain, the Gunner, and one Man more, having been taken out. The *Greenwich* and *Harwich* are ready to sail to the *Spithead*.

Venice, March 12. This week arrived here several Merchants from *Constantinople*, who tell us, that the Grand Visier does wholly apply himself to hasten the preparations for the War, which after all many People apprehended are rather intended against the *Poles* than the *Moscovites*; in which opinion they are the more confirmed, for that the Grand Visier does every day raise new difficulties to hinder the ratifications of the Peace concluded the last Summer between the Port and that Crown.

Algiers, March 13. These *Corsairs* have, since the beginning of the last month, taken and destroyed 4 or 5 *English* Vessels, though of no considerable value, among which was one called the *Bridgewater Merchant*, *Charles Reeves* Commander, mounted with 12 Guns, and 18 Men, who was Engaged by an *Algierin* of 30 Guns, and upwards, and 300 Men; the dispute continued eight hours, in which time the *Turks* own to have lost 50 Men; at length they came to a Parly, and made Articles with Captain *Reeves*, by which, among other things they promised, that he and four more of his Men should have their liberty, and these Articles were signed by the Captain, and the Aga of the *Algierin*, and confirmed with their Seals; but upon their arrival here, *Bobba Hassan* the Governor, having no regard to the publick faith engaged by the Captain and Aga for the performance of what they had so solemnly agreed and stipulated, would not perform the said Articles, but made the said Captain and all his Men Slaves. They have fortified the Mole here with two new Castles, and have laid a Chain quite cross the Harbor.

Vienna, March 13. Since the departure of the Duke of *Lorrain*, the Marquis *de Grana*, and the Count *de Staremberg*, are parted hence in great haste to the Army, in which they are to serve in the quality of Lieutenants General. We are told that the General Rendezvous of the said Army is appointed to be held the 16 of the next month, and that several Regiments who have had their Winter-quarters in the Hereditary Countries, are already on their march. The Count *de Morstein*, great Treasurer of *Poland*, hath been here almost a Fortnight. The 8th instant he had Audience of the Emperor; it is said his chief Errand, after having Complimented the Emperor upon the marriage of the Duke of *Lorrain* with the Queen of *Poland*, is to establish a perfect friendship and good correspondence between his Imperial Majesty and the King of *Poland*. The Emperor has sent Lieutenant General *Keyserstein* and Colonel *Koenig* into *Bohemia*, to raise Men there for the reinforcing his Army on the *Rhine*.

Hamburgh, March 20. Count *Coningsmarke*, according to the last Advices we received from *Wismar*, and those Parts, continued encamped on the other side of *Rostock*, expecting the payment of the Contributions by him demanded of the Countrey of *Mecklenburg*. It is certain that a great many Vessels are arrived at *Straelsond*, with a very considerable Supply of Corn and Ammunition, but the number of Men is but small.

Strasburgh March 18. The *French* understanding that the *Imperialists* are making preparations for the besieging of *Friburg*, which will be done by a small Body of Men, while the main Army marches towards the *Saar* and the *Moselle*, they have ceased to work on the Fortifications of *Brisac* and *Schlestadt*, to employ those Men at *Friburg*, to finish the Works which have been begun there, though it is thought the *Imperialists* will not give them time to do it. The Count *de Caprara* is providing a very great Magazine here for the use of the Imperial Army this Campagne; and we are told that he hath given Orders for the raising certain Works, to secure the passages of the Moun-